



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Beukema et al.**

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For: **Method and Apparatus to
Perform Fabric Management**

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Group Art Unit: **2155**

Examiner: **Bates, Kevin T.**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2004, please amend the present application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 7** of this paper.